Appomattox Oil Company: it started in old Round House Service Station

It all began in an old Round House, made of a discarded Appomattox tank in the year 1932.

"Yes sir," commented C. Lewis McDearmon, Sr., of the Appomattox Oil Company, Inc. "I remember that old Round House very well; you know, it was called just that, Round House Service Station. I sold Texaco gasoline for 15 or 20 cents a gallon. Texaco and I go a long way back."

When Clarence Lewis McDearmon Sr. found out there was a good living in selling gasoline and things were going so well in the old Round House, he decided to build a station in the heart of downtown Appomattox. It was located just above where the school board office is now situated.

"The new station was called Main Street Station," said McDearmon, "but I kept them both going for a while."

After a time, McDearmon saw the need for further expansion so he tore down the Main Street station and opened wholesale oil business.

"I bought my first oil truck from Warren Falwell, Jerry Falwell's father," said Lewis.

McDearmon who knows and is known by just about everybody in the vicinity of Appomattox, was born in Evergreen in 1906. His father, the late Clarence S. McDearmon ws the railroad agent in Evergreen.

His education began in a one room school in Evergreen, continued in the elementary school in Appomattox. At about age 13, he entered the Randolph Macon Academy in Bedford.

Lewis entered Hampden Sydney College and was a good student for a year and then he decided that the working world was the place for him.

His first job was with the

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Moses is a tradition in the county

In November of 1913, the late Thomas Walker Moses opened the doors of Moses Motor Co. Five years later in 1918 his son, Charles T. Moses became a partner in the business. Eighteen years later his son, Charles T Moses Jr. became associated with the firm.

The company has contributed much to the economic development of Appomattox, drawing business from adjoining counties and from all over the state.

During the 30 years that Charles T. Moses served as state senator from this district, his father, affectionately known as "Mr. Tom", remained at home and ran the business during his son's absence and did a good job.

During the past 69 years of business Moses Motor Co. has been a franchised dealer for Model T. Fords, Huffman Trucks, Bates Steel Mule Tractors, Stars, Dodges, Buicks, Oldsmobiles, Minneapolis Molius Farm Machinery, Jeeps, and for the past 60 years, Chevrolet cars and trucks.

During the past half century, the company has not always traded a car for a car or a truck for a truck, but has accepted trades of all kinds to accomodate the customer.

Some of these items included, cattle, horses, mules, bird dogs, hogs, hams, real estate and boats. Naturally, some of these items were disposed of by sale, while others were consumed by the family.

The service department is headed by Walter H. (Buddy) Carson, with nine technicians, Shirley Reynolds, Buddy Dawson, Gene Woody, Larry Chandler, Jerry Childress, Russell Mayberry, Allen Hamlette, Greg Cheatham and Bill Mayberry, representing 169 years of experience.

The parts department is headed by Ken Cheatham. Working with Ken is Sherri Repass, representing 15 years service.

The office and sales department includes, Burke Guill, Bryant Tuck, Charlie Moses, Harry Ranson, Tom Pankey and Burnette Smith representing 125 years experience of salesmanship and office management.

All of the employees of Moses Motor Co. want to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers and the citizens of both the Town and the County of Appomattox for their faithful support and patronage they have shown us during the past 69 years.

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- LP Gas
- Gasoline
- Industrial Oils
- Grease & Lubricants
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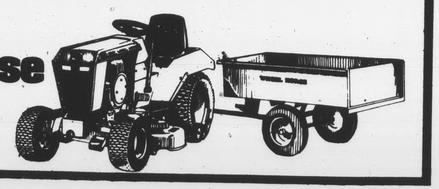

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Service Department

SHOWN ABOVE ARE Buddy Carson, Buddy Dawson, Jerry Childress, Gene Woody, Shirley Reynolds, Larry Chandler, Greg Cheatham, Bill Mayberry, Allen Hamlett. Not shown is Russell Mayberry who was attending diesel engine school.

Sales & Management

SHOWN ABOVE (left to right) are Burke Guill, Bryan Tuck, Burnett Smith, Tom Pankey, Harry Ranson, and Charlie Moses.

Parts Department

SHOWN ABOVE ARE Sherri Repass and Ken Cheatham

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